

**RESTORING AN INTERRUPTED SWITCHED CONNECTION**

**ABSTRACT**

A system for restoring an interrupted switched connection  
5 between subscribers in a communications network includes a  
first transfer node for transmitting and receiving signals in  
the communications network, and a second transfer node for  
transmitting and receiving signals in the communications  
network. A network controller establishes a protected channel  
10 between the first and second transfer nodes, establishes a  
switched connection between the first and second transfer  
nodes in the protected channel, and restores the switched  
connection by restoring the protected channel if the switched  
connection is interrupted as a result of an interruption in  
15 the protected channel.